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JV-V Indians vs Roscoe
Fri., Aug. 17, 6 p.m.
at Roscoe (Scrimmage)

RULE

Bobcats vs ACHS
Fri., Aug. 17, TBA
at Rule

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 18 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Hunter's ed course

The Haskell Ag Science Department in cooperation with Texas Parks and Wildlife will host a hunter education course Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 20-21 from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Haskell Ag Science Building. All hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must have completed this course prior to hunting in Texas. Minimum age for students is 9 years old. All students under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration will begin at 4:45 p.m. Aug. 20. All students need to bring their social security number and driver's license. Students under 17 must have a parent sign their form prior to certification. Fee is \$15 per individual. For more information contact Justin Cox at 325-379-6571.

Booster Clubs

The Indian Athletic Booster Club meeting and Band Booster Club meeting will be held Aug. 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. The Band Booster Club meeting will begin immediately following the Athletic Booster Club meeting. If you have children in Junior High or High School you are invited to attend these meetings.

Jr. High registration

Haskell Junior High registration will be held Tues., Aug. 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the new Junior High building. Haskell High School freshman orientation will be held Tues., Aug. 21 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Football tickets

The Haskell Indian reserved football seats are now on sale at the High School office.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

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Neighborhood Watch group meets for second time

The second organizational meeting of the Haskell Neighborhood Community Watch program was held Tues., Aug. 7 at the Civic Center with approximately 40

in attendance. Haskell Police Chief Richard Candelaria was in charge of the meeting.

After viewing a crime prevention video, the group was broken into four

sectors, using the highway intersection of Highways 380 and 277 as the dividing lines. Probation Officer Chris Davis presented an overview of the map.

Sector 1 includes the northwest section of Haskell and had the most representation at the meeting; Sector 2 is the southwest section of town with a small representation; Sector 3 is the northeast section of town; and Sector 4 is the southeast section of town. Sectors 3 and 4 had little representation in attendance.

Sector captains were tentatively selected and a volunteer steering committee was discussed.

A question and comments period was held.

The next meeting will be held Tues., Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

The goals are to be ready for the Texas National Night Out Oct. 2.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SECTORS-Those attending the second Neighborhood Watch program meeting on Aug. 7 were assigned to a sector within the city. Marking their maps were, l-r, Kristi Alves, Melissa Mitchell, Kim Hutto, Cliff Morris, Lynna Billington and Jesse Billington.

Two taken into custody for drug possession

On Sat., July 28, the Haskell County Sheriff's Office received information that a subject was in Haskell selling illegal drugs from an apartment in south Brick Village.

The individual had sold drugs from a south Brick Village apartment in the past, but left before he could be apprehended.

This time a search warrant was written and signed by Justice of the Peace Lynn Dodson and was executed that morning. Haskell Police Chief Richard Candelaria, Texas Parks and Wildlife

officer Ryan Peacock, Haskell County Chief Deputy Winston Stephens and Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton went to Apt. 26 at 807 S. 8th St. and searched the apartment. Jacob Bruce Collins Holder and Debra Reynolds were taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, crack cocaine.

Suspect Holder had \$1,640.00 in his possession. Holder, a resident of Abilene, was using the apartment belonging to Reynolds to sell his drugs. Reynolds had previously let him use her

apartment to sell drugs. She did not learn a lesson from others that had been arrested in the past for letting these people come into Haskell, and use their residence to sell their poison to our citizens and loved ones.

Sheriff Halliburton said, "Again, I thank the citizens of Haskell that take interest in keeping drugs out of Haskell and will call to give information about persons that come into Haskell to sell their drugs, along with the local persons that think they can also sell drugs in the county of Haskell. Without

the help of these concerned citizens, these individuals would still be selling to our loved ones."

Halliburton also thanked citizens that have served on criminal trials in the past for their time and service, showing that they care about what is happening in their county and cities.

Halliburton also thanked Mike Fouts. Fouts has done

a great job serving as our District Attorney.

Halliburton said, "Remember, this is your county and cities. Law enforcement officers need your help to keep it safe for all of our loved ones."

School will start soon so remember to be careful around school zones. Cell phone usage is prohibited in school zones.

Cliff Morris is County's Veterans Service Officer

by Caron Yates

Cliff Morris of Haskell, is now the Veterans Services Officer for Haskell County.

He is ready, willing and able to assist any veteran or their dependants, who may qualify for pension or health related assistance. At present there are four hundred and forty-five veterans in the county receiving benefit from this program.

Morris has had and continues to receive certification training, to better assist local veterans. He is eager to provide information to individual veterans concerning any entitlement they may be eligible for, as well as aid in getting medical care for

service related injuries or illnesses. Morris emphasized that the laws often change, so veterans needing help should check with him.

He is knowledgeable about the laws, regulations and benefit programs, and will assist in filling out the necessary paperwork. Morris says, "If I don't know the answer, I can get it by calling someone who does know."

The VA office, located on the west wing of the first floor of the Haskell County Courthouse, is open the first and third Thursdays of each month. Office hours are from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. He can be reached at any time to schedule an appointment, by calling (940) 256-1125 or



CLIFF MORRIS

on the web at vaso@yahoo.com.

He is very pleased with the contacts he has already received, and encourages any veteran or surviving spouse who may qualify for benefits to contact him.

School supply drive continues

The Haskell Police Department is holding a school supply drive for students who cannot buy/afford the needed school supplies for the start of this school year.

A list of the school supplies needed for each elementary grade is posted

at any Haskell store and on the school website.

The drive will continue through Fri., Aug. 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in donating school supplies is urged to drop them at the following places:

•Modern Way Grocery

•Haskell City Hall
•Haskell Police Department or to any officer

•Dollar General
The Haskell Police Department thanks everyone who helps in this worthwhile cause for the Haskell elementary school students.



NEW K-9 OFFICER-Pending upcoming training and certification, Haskell has a new K-9 officer, Loca. She is seven years old and will be the partner of city officer Nick Shaginaw. They were introduced at the last meeting of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

TxDOT adds shoulders to highways to increase safety

Texas highways are safer now thanks to hundreds of projects completed in the last few years to add shoulders, width on more than 1,000 miles of rural, two-lane highways.

An analysis of 189 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

road projects around the state shows that wider pavements make highways safer and result in fewer crashes.

Recently, TxDOT asked the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) to analyze and review three years of pre- and post-improvement data on more than a thousand miles

of narrow two-lane highways that had been widened. The numbers show that on 1,159 miles of recently added highway shoulders, there were 133 fewer fatalities and 895 fewer injuries compared to prior to widening.

TTI has estimated that these projects could save up to 44 lives each year or 880 lives over 20 years—and prevent 298 injuries or 5960 injuries over the same time period.

"Safety is our top priority," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "The agency's roadway widening initiative has been a tremendous success, both for increasing safety on Texas highways and potentially saving billions of dollars associated with fatal crashes and sustained injuries."

In 2003, voters gave the Texas Transportation Commission the authority to issue \$3 billion in bonds to pay for state highway improvements. The law stipulated that 20 percent of that amount must be used to fund projects that would reduce crashes or correct or improve hazardous locations on the state system. The Texas Legislature later increased the bonding authority to \$6 billion.

TTI is also analyzing recently completed projects—mostly from the 2009 safety bond initiative—Among the 37 completed widening projects from that bond initiative, fatalities were reduced by an average of five annually. The \$29 million construction cost for those 37 projects—through the 20-year life of the project—could save an estimated \$456.4 million from fewer fatalities and serious injuries.

"I am proud of the role I played in creating the Safety Bond Program, and I sincerely thank TxDOT and the people of Texas for making it happen," said Senator Steve Ogden, R-Bryan.

TxDOT plans on expanding these efforts in the future in areas where widening improvements are needed.



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Obituaries

Rene Garcia



RENE GARCIA

Funeral services for Rene Garcia, 40, of Weinert and a lifelong resident of Haskell County, were held Fri., Aug. 10 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Fr. George Roney officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mr. Garcia passed away Tuesday morning, Aug. 7 in Knox City.

Born Sept. 20, 1971 in Haskell, he was the son of Donaciano and Hipolita (Salas) Garcia. He graduated from Haskell High School with the class of 1991. Garcia was a proud Haskell Indian and played football his four years of high school earning an honorable mention as a guard for all district. Texas A&M showed interest in recruiting Garcia, but due to an injury those plans were retired.

He was a happy and joyful man with a childlike laugh. He lightened a room wherever he went and was always ready to tell a story or top yours. He loved to cook out, loved to dance, and loved all kinds of music. He enjoyed life and enjoyed

being with the people he loved.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donaciano Garcia, who passed away in 1983.

He is very lovingly survived by his mother, Paula Garcia of Haskell; his two sisters, Diana Nichols of Tampa, Florida and Silvia Escobedo of Austin; one brother, Homer Garcia of Haskell; three nephews, Timmy Escobedo, Jr., Jeremiah Escobedo, Christian Nichols; two nieces, Jennifer Garcia, Monica Nichols; one great nephew; two great nieces; his Godparents, Raymond and Tomas Andrada; and girlfriend, Alicia Pedroza.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Thelma Elizabeth 'Swede' Kitley



SWEDE KITLEY

Funeral services for Thelma Elizabeth 'Swede' Kitley, 85, of Rule were held Tues., Aug. 14 at the First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Leonard Malone and John Greeson officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. Kitley passed away at her home in Rule early

Saturday morning, Aug. 11.

Born Jan. 5, 1927 in Duluth, Minnesota, she was the daughter of Don Erickson and Helga Lundquist. She married Billy Dave 'Pete' Kitley in Rule June 3, 1946. Pete and Swede made Rule their home raising two wonderful boys on the Kitley Farm.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Don and Helga Erickson.

She is very lovingly survived by her husband of 66 years, Billy Dave "Pete" Kitley, Sr. of the home in Rule; two sons, Billy Dave Kitley, Jr., and his wife Pat, and James Ray, all of Rule; two grandsons, Billy 'Dave' Kitley, III, and Stephen Kitley; two granddaughters, Tre' Ann Krupnick and husband Matt, and Sarah Heidenheimer and husband J.G.; three great

grandsons, Jacob Cooper Krupnick, and Zack and Ryan Heidenheimer.

Pallbearers were Joe Harold Cloud, James Cloud, Roy Letz, Glen Pierce, Sammy Simpson and Larry Simpson.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Johnnie Franklin and Lynn McGee for their most kind care and also to Dr. Wm. McSmith and his staff, as well as, the staff of Haskell Memorial Hospital for their kindness and compassion during this extremely difficult time.

Memorials may be given in Swede's name to the First Baptist Church of Rule, 1001 Union Ave., Rule, Texas 79547.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Bobcat Booster Club meets

At a recent meeting of the Rule Bobcats Booster Club, officers for the 2012-2013 year were elected.

Officers include Elaina Mathis, president; Amanda Thomison, vice president; Melissa Herrera, treasurer; Misty Fritzler, secretary; and Mary Williams reporter.

Membership in the Booster Club is available for \$5 per family. Those interested in joining will have the opportunity at Meet the Bobcats night.

Meet the Bobcats night will be held Thurs., Aug. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rule High School cafeteria with ice cream and cookies served. Those attending are asked to assist by bringing either cookies or ice cream.

Introduction of Rule Bobcat football players will be held along with introductions of teachers for the 2012-2013 Rule School in the school auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Sylvia Jo Elizabeth Mcghee



SYLVIA MCGHEE

A memorial service for Sylvia Jo Elizabeth Mcghee will be held Fri., Aug. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at The Abundant Life Christian Fellowship Church, 308 East Main, Knox City.

Mrs. Mcghee passed away Fri., July 27.

Born May 25, 1941, she leaves behind two sons, Chad Mcghee and Chris Mcghee and a daughter-in-law, Brandi Britt.

PD. NOTICE

Meet the Athletes set Aug. 23 in Haskell

Meet the Haskell Athletes will be Aug. 23 immediately following the scrimmage. Students in seventh grade through twelfth grade, in any kind of sport, should meet with your coaches before the scrimmage so you know where to meet.

The scrimmage starts at 6:00 p.m. and homemade ice cream will be served after the introduction of meet the athletes.

4-H members will be serving hamburgers and all of the fixings starting at 6:00 p.m. as a fund-raiser.

Be sure to come out and watch some football

and support 4-H by eating hamburgers. The band concession stand will be open selling only drinks and candy.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Al-Anon

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Thomas family meets in Haskell for reunion

The annual reunion of the descendants of Clifford Adell Thomas and Annie Mae Josselet Thomas was held at the Haskell Civic Center Sat., Aug. 4. Two of the three surviving Thomas siblings were able to attend. Berta Mae Thomas Carroll, the oldest sister, and Lewis Thomas, the youngest brother, were both present. Unfortunately, Marie Thomas Cole of Plano was unable to come.

The family gathered for a day of reminiscing, sharing memories both joyous and melancholy and catching up on new and recent events. All enjoyed a catered lunch of BBQ with all the 'fixins'; fried chicken and a plentiful variety of desserts brought in by the different family

members. The late John Thomas was represented by Donna Thomas of Haskell, Roy and Diane Pittman of Lubbock and Gary and Reda Thomas, Micah Thomas and guest Shelby Dunnam, all of Haskell, Eden Thomas of Abilene, Don and Christene DuBois of Magnolia and DeLin and Taylor Konicki of Spring.

The late Adell Thomas was represented by Bill and Grace Thomas of Haskell and Jerry and Mary Ann Wheatley of Cleburne.

Roberta Mae Carroll was accompanied by Jean Taylor of Forney, Darrell Lee Taylor of Duncanville and Ryan Taylor of College Station. Sandra Blair attended with

Bruce and Jill Blair, Holly, Hunter and Hillary Blair, Dana and Piper Rasbury and Travis Pollard, along with guests, Manuel Gonzales and Scott Hibbit, all of Forney, Jerry and Lana Bass came from Weatherford.

C.A. Thomas III of Wichita Falls represented his dad the late Clifford A. Thomas Jr. Lewis Thomas of Haskell attended with Ricky and Debbie Scheffel and Kaylee of Lubbock. Unfortunately, the family of the late Helen Thomas Mills was unable to attend this year.

After lunch the prerequisite family reunion auction was held. There were many items both old and new to be sold to the highest bidder. Among the memorabilia was a wallet that belonged to Granddad Thomas containing a long

expired driver's licence and several other personal items. The wallet was vigorously bid on, the highest bidder fondly remembering his Granddad pulling out another wallet long, long ago. Whenever they went to town together he'd use it to buy candy. Granddad would make sure and always asked if he really liked candy and he'd answer "No, but Momma does." Of course, Granddad never caught on and "Momma" always had plenty of candy.

The two items that brought the highest bids were new. Two large and beautifully framed photographs taken by Reda Thomas were the most enthusiastically and seriously contested items. The pictures were of an identical landscape, the hill that belonged to Gary and Reda's house on FM 600 with three

crosses in the background. One was taken in the daytime with a JD combine driven by Gary coming into the scene with the scripture Gal. 6:7-9 "Do not be deceived, God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows..." The other photograph was of a gorgeous sunset with John 8:12 added. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the

light of life." The auction was a great success, after "settling up" some of the family members toured Haskell stirring up more memories in the older ones who grew up here but moved away. After all returned, more visiting, a supper of plenty of left-overs and finally clean-up, the family dispersed looking forward to Thomas Reunion 2013.

EEA Club news

The Haskell County Extension Education Association met at the Haskell County Extension Office meeting room Aug. 9. Kathryn Schonertstedt, chairman, presided over the meeting.

Eleven members were in attendance.

The scholarship committee announced that Stewart Ulrich was the recipient of the 4-H scholarship.

Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent, reported that July's cooking camp was a big success, with twenty members attending. Those attending made aprons, bread in a bag, pretzels, pizza dough and recipe books.

Rowan's report also relayed that three 4-H members placed at state with their 4-H Record Books. River McTasney placed second in the category of Energy Management, Emily Fouts took third place honors in the Clothing & Textiles division, and Aaron Ulrich placed eighth in Shooting Sports.

Haskell 4-H will be selling hamburger meals during the annual "Meet The Indians" event Thurs., Aug. 23. This

fund-raiser will go toward funding the many events that 4-H has during the year. Serving will begin around 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell Indian Field. Meal deals are only \$5.00 so come out and support our 4-H program.

The new 4-H year will be starting Sept. 1. On Sept. 8, there will be an end-of-the-year awards program followed by a "Back To School" dance.

Pat Jenkins gave a program on "Hunger-The New Face in Town," and the group discussed several resources that are available in Haskell County to aid those in need.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 6 and guests are encouraged to attend. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m., at the extension office. Wes Utey, County Extension Agent, will be giving the program, "Lawn Care for Fall." After this summer's heat and drought, this should be an informative presentation.

Call the county extension office, at 864-2658, for more information; and, please consider joining our fun-loving group! We would love to have you!

Ward, Thompson speak at meeting of Eastern Star

Guest speakers for Rule Chapter #989 Order of the Eastern Star at the July meeting were veterans Brent Ward and Jack Thompson in observance of veterans serving in the armed services. Both are retired and live in Abilene.

Ward had served in the Air Force and had been discharged when 9-11 happened. He tried to join again, but having a family he wasn't accepted so he joined the Army and served in Iraq, Kuwait, Korea and Baghdad. He spoke of his tour of duty involving different things including being a combat engineer, working security details for officers, convoy duty in Kuwait to Baghdad, helping to clear out villages and rescuing people from the enemy.

Lt. Col. Jack Thompson

served in World War II in the Air Force. He spoke of his love of flying because he wanted to be like his big brother. He was the sixth child in his family. He took lessons and then became a flight instructor teaching Army, Navy and Marines during World War II. He also served in Seoul, Korea, China and was a prisoner of war.

Both men presented interesting and informative information.

A question and answer session followed.

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Cholesterol Testing
It is important to test your cholesterol at least once each year. Once you know your cholesterol levels, then you know if you are at an increased risk for heart disease. You will also know if you need to make changes in your diet to lower the cholesterol. The cholesterol test should provide three numbers: the total cholesterol, the HDL, and the LDL. Your goal should be to keep all of the numbers in the desirable level.

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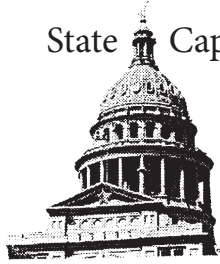
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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Education agency explains progress score

AUSTIN—Forty-four percent of Texas campuses met federal Adequate Yearly Progress targets this year, the Texas Education Agency announced Aug. 8.

The agency attributed Texas' score to steep increases required by the No Child Left Behind Act, and mentioned that the state's request "to use a similar approach with the federal system" and carry over the 2011 AYP ratings into 2012 as the state transitions to the new STAAR testing program (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) was denied by the U.S. Department of Education.

Under this federal school accountability system, the TEA explained, a school or district this year met AYP requirements if 87 percent or more of their students passed the state reading/English language arts test; 83 percent of their students passed the state mathematics test; 95 percent of their students participated in the state testing program and, depending on the grade level, had either a 75 percent graduation rate or a 90 percent attendance rate. Twenty-eight percent of Texas districts met these high standards, the TEA said.

Those requirements are comparable to Recognized or Exemplary level performance in the 2011 state accountability system.

Shoulders increase safety

The Texas Department of Transportation on Aug. 9 published its finding that state highways are safer thanks to the adding of shoulders and width to more than 1,000 miles of rural, two-lane highways.

Texas Transportation Institute's study of three years of pre-and post-improvement data on more than a thousand miles of narrow two-lane highways show that on 1,159 miles of recently added highway shoulders, there were 133 fewer fatalities and 895 fewer injuries compared to prior to widening, TxDOT reported.

The Texas Transportation Institute, part of The Texas A&M University System and headquartered at College Station, was founded in 1950.

Funding for such state highway improvements comes from 2003, when voters gave the Texas Transportation Commission the authority to issue \$3 billion in bonds to pay for state highway improvements, TxDOT explained. The law stipulated that 20 percent of that amount must be used to fund projects that would reduce crashes or correct or improve hazardous locations on the state system.

Tax revenue climbs again

Texas Comptroller Susan

Combs announced Aug. 8 that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.05 billion, up 10.1 percent compared to July 2011.

"Business spending in the oil and natural gas industry and other sectors continues to be robust," Combs said in an agency news release. "That spending, along with increases in consumer sectors such as retail trade, continues to boost sales tax collections. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 28 consecutive months."

Combs said August local sales tax allocations totaling \$632.1 million will be returned to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts.

Graduation rate calculated

The Texas Education Agency on Aug. 3 announced the statewide "on-time" graduation rate climbed to an all-time high, reaching 85.9 percent for the Class of 2011.

The reported rate is 1.6 percentage points higher than the previous record set by the Class of 2010, and more than 92 percent of the 319,588 students in the Class of 2011 either graduated in four years or continued high school for a fifth year, the agency added.

'FirstNet' permit OK'd

The Federal Communications Commission has authorized a permit for Texas to operate a broadband network designed for first responders to share more data and access to communication resources, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced on Aug. 3.

In gaining permission to operate the network, Texas joins the nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, called FirstNet. The federal 9/11 Commission recommended the implementation of such a system.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said, "The ability to immediately share information across law enforcement jurisdictions and among emergency responders is critical to public safety."

Man executed for murder

Marvin Lee Wilson, 54, was executed by lethal injection in Huntsville by the State of Texas on Aug. 7 for the murder of 21-year-old Jerry Robert Williams in 1992. He was the 484th death row inmate to be executed since the Texas death penalty was reinstated in 1982.

Wilson's score of 61 on an IQ test, interpreted as indicating mental retardation, set off debate as to the suitability of the sentence.

According to Texas Department of Criminal Justice information, after a physical confrontation between the two men in Beaumont, Wilson abducted and shot Williams.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 15, 2002

Morgan Cox, daughter of Bill and Susan Cox of Haskell, was named Champion Timed Event Horseman during the finals at the 40th Annual Texas State 4-H Horse Show. She took home a trophy saddle for her efforts.

A Colorguard Corp will join the Haskell Indian Band and twirlers on the football field this year. The newly formed group includes Nelle Castillo, Jacklyn Escobedo, Leslie Grand, Hollie Olson, Jill Watson and Brittany Campbell.

Officers serving the Haskell County EEA for the coming year are Lena Tidwell, chairman; Flossie Bates, vice-chairman; Dolores Medford, secretary; Shirley Reed, treasurer; Joetta Burnett, yearbook chairman; and Alice Yates, 4-H chairman.

20 Years Ago August 13, 1992

Andrea Kinzy began duties as municipal judge for the City of Haskell. She moved here from Amarillo with her husband, who will be the Haskell High School baseball coach and history teacher.

Children's Enterprises has announced that Barbara Harris is the new child care manager of the Haskell Educare Center and case

manager for the Haskell-Throckmorton area.

Howard and Bobbie Brass of Rule, spent time at Lake Whitney helping build a new church. They have helped build churches since 1978 and this was the 37th building completed.

30 Years Ago August 19, 1982

Four Haskell County residents were graduates of Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater. They are Dennis Stegemoeller of Rochester; Arturo Rocha of O'Brien; Kenneth Flannery and Rick Kennedy, both of Haskell.

Robert E. Herd, grandson of Mrs. Pauline Herd of Haskell, has accepted a position with the Defense Department in Washington, D.C. He is assigned to Navy Intelligence.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Norman were honored with a reception celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Hosted by their children and grandchildren, it was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Burson, Jr.

40 Years Ago August 17, 1972

Winners in the County 4-H Dress Revue were Carol Dean of Haskell, first; Gina Fischer of Paint Creek, second; Bonnie Woods of Sagerton and Debra Wells of

Paint Creek, tied for third.

David Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, has been named to the Dean's Distinguished List at Baylor University. A graduate student, his field of study is health, physical education and recreation.

Haskell businessmen attending the West Texas Chamber of Commerce's Growth Industry Seminar in Sweetwater were Bob Philpot, past president of Haskell Chamber of Commerce; Rex Felker, Chamber manager; Loraine Johnson, city councilman; Bill Comedy, Free Press publisher; Royce Williams, Haskell National Bank; and Abe Turner, WTCC Director.

50 Years Ago August 16, 1962

Haskell school superintendent Robert King, was presented a check for \$116,296 which represented the insurance adjustment for damages to the city school system during the May tornado.

Mattson Rural High School will begin classes with several new teachers on staff. They are Wayne Phemister, math and high school principal; Howard Liles Jr., science; Mrs. Howard Liles, third and fourth grades; Dorinda Kretschmer, jr. high and business. Also on staff are

Mrs. Beulah Gibson, first and second grades; Mrs. Alice Wooten, fifth and sixth; Mrs. Payne Hattox, English; and H.L. Guess, superintendent.

100 Years Ago August 17, 1912

J.C. Clements, living in the Weinert section, was kicked by a mule while harnessing the animal, and is now nursing a broken arm.

Balus and Aubrey Cox of the west side have caught three wolves on the Choate Ranch, 12 miles southwest of town.

Prof. W.J. Laney of Cisco, began a three week singing school at Ballew, and is having a satisfactory success with the class.

Burn ban issued

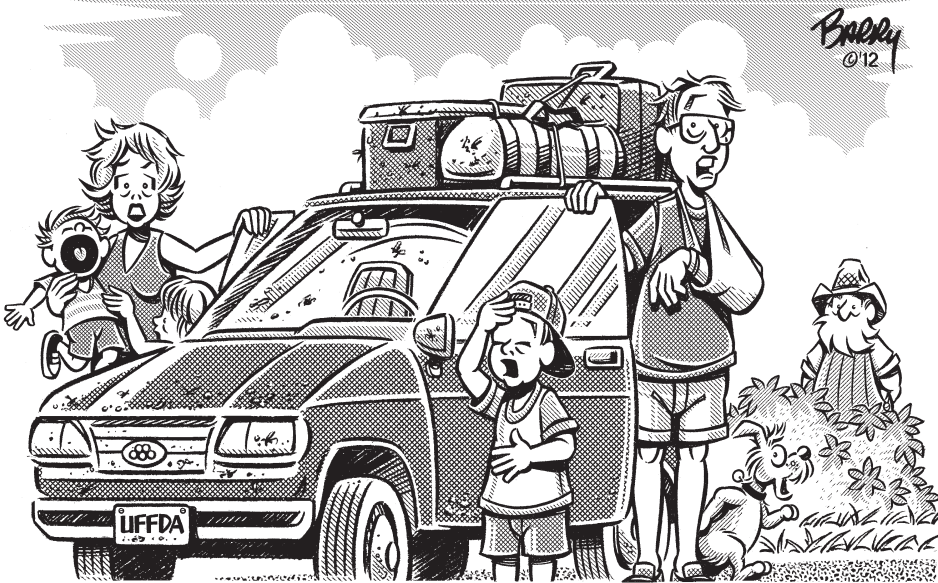
A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Remember not too long ago I mentioned the adage that 'whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting over.' Well we are at that point now. We will have implemented Stage 2 of our drought contingency plan by the time you read this. Stage 2 is a voluntary 15% reduction in water usage. However, Stage 3 which is a mandatory 25% reduction is probably only a couple of weeks away as the reservoir only has about 6-7 months supply of water. Please do everything you can to conserve water—this is rapidly becoming a very serious and dire situation.

The wife and I have seriously thought about where the water our meter says we've used went. Two showers/day for seven days/week; four weeks per month. Approximately 12 heavily loaded clothes washing/month; one heavily loaded dishwasher/day for 30 days/month... the rest is for landscaping for which we have a water well and a sprinkler system. We unloaded the lid of the water meter taking flashlight, paper towels and Windex so we could read the meter and also so the workers can readily read the meter as well. We were convinced we must have a leak...but you know, the meter was dead still. So, we still are having a problem figuring out where

we're using so much water. I encourage all of you to read your meters, first making sure all water is off in the house. Maybe we should all keep a gallon container close by so we can visualize just how much a gallon is!

Brandon Anderson, Matthew Duran and I have been discussing ways to avoid this situation in the future. Even though it will be costly, we are considering drilling some new wells and laying pipelines from the wells to the distribution point which is near the airport. We will have to install some equipment for sanitizing and chlorinating the water before it can be used. None of this will be cheap, but it is all necessary according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Once it rains, it will be so easy to forget the potential water shortage we went through. However, to avoid another gut-wrenching time when we are wondering about our water supply, I strongly feel that we should be proactive rather than reactive. I had much rather have a contingency plan, than be without water.

Our police department and the other law enforcement agencies have conducted two meetings encouraging us to establish neighborhood watch programs. At the last meeting, sector captains were

elected followed by a very lively question and answer period. We all need to do whatever it takes to keep crime at a bare minimum—preferably eliminated. Most of the attendees at the meeting felt that drugs were our number one problem and in fact Chief Richard Candelaria admitted it was. Drug dealers and users are a scourge on our society and should be dealt with in such a manner as to remove the criminal element and rehabilitate all concerned.

By the time the presses run, your city leaders will have had their second budget meeting, the last will have been the one open to the public. This is always a difficult time as we strive to provide all of the services you desire while keeping the cost at a minimum. We may have to incorporate a slight fee increase for some of the services we provide. We don't like increases anymore than you, but sometimes they are essential to keep operating. The county government is undergoing a similar situation.

The two questions I mentioned last week have been answered by Judge Shane Hadaway. The first question concerned responding to a jury summons. Judge Hadaway said a state statute exists that allows him to assess a fine to those who do

not show up for jury duty just because they don't want to. However, the majority of the citizens in the four counties over which he presides do their civic duty and respond to a jury summons. To date, he has not had to assess any fines, but if need be, he will.

The second question concerned finding out when trials will be held in Haskell. Judge Hadaway says his office will post the trial dates on the community calendar. So you can go to our website which is www.haskelltexasonline.com and find them. That will be an improvement.

May I reiterate: If you have a complaint about your city government, please come by City Hall and write a written statement thus making it official. I get a lot of "mouthing" but to make your complaint official, it must be in writing. I have talked to Judge David Davis and he says that if you have complaints about the county government, you can visit with the county official who has responsibility for the area of concern or you can make an appearance before the Commissioners' Court or you can give your written complaint to the Judge. Please remember, if you are complaining about law enforcement: DPS is state, the Sheriff's office is county and the Police Department is city.

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Disaster assistance for small businesses available

Small, nonfarm businesses in all 254 Texas counties and neighboring counties and parishes in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma are now eligible to apply for low interest federal disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). "These loans offset economic losses because of the drought that began Jan. 1, 2012, in 252 primary Texas counties," announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Included are:
Primary Texas counties: All Texas counties except Rockwall and Wise;

Neighboring Texas counties: Rockwall and Wise;

Neighboring Arkansas counties: Little River and Miller;

Neighboring Louisiana parishes: Beauregard, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, De Soto, Sabine and Vernon;

Neighboring New Mexico counties: Curry, Dona Ana, Eddy, Lea, Otero, Quay, Roosevelt and Union;

Neighboring Oklahoma counties: Beaver, Beckham, Bryan, Choctaw, Cimarron, Cotton, Ellis, Harmon, Jackson, Jefferson, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, Roger

Mills, Texas and Tillman. "SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Judd said.

Small, nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private, nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4% for businesses and 3% for private, nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private, nonprofits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U. S.

Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Tom Vilsack declared this disaster on July 12, 2012.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling SBA toll-free at 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call 800-877-8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is March 12, 2013.

August sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.05 billion, up 10.1 percent compared to July 2011.

"Business spending in the oil and natural gas industry and other sectors continues to be robust," Combs said. "That spending, along with increases in consumer sectors such as retail trade, continues to boost sales tax collections. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 28 consecutive months."

Combs will send August local sales tax allocations totaling \$632.1 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. August sales tax allocations are up 4.2 percent compared to August 2011.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in June as well as April, May and June sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

Haskell County had a .28 percent increase for August 2012 of \$47,211.71 in comparison to \$47,076.81 for August 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$348,904.70 reflect a 6.99 percent increase over 2011 payments to date of \$326,087.04.

The City of Haskell had a .16 percent increase for August 2012 of \$43,072.36 in comparison to \$43,002.57 for August 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$324,929.23 reflect a 10.56 percent increase over 2011 payments to date of \$293,872.10.

The City of O'Brien had a 1.35 percent increase for August 2012 of \$197.00 in comparison to \$194.37 for August 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$1,793.47 reflect a 15.63 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$2,125.88.

The City of Rochester had an 18.95 percent decrease for August 2012 of \$602.47 in comparison to \$743.41 for August 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$3,925.98 reflect a 5.88 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$4,171.31.

The City of Rule had an 8.25 percent increase for August 2012 of \$3,075.43 in comparison to \$2,840.79 for August 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$16,432.27 reflect a 31.86 percent decrease over 2011 payments to date of \$24,118.39.

The City of Weinert had a 10.55 percent decrease for August 2012 of \$264.45 in comparison to \$295.67 for August 2011. 2012 payments to date of \$1,823.75 reflect a 1.35 percent increase over 2011 payments to date of \$1,799.36.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rule Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:45 p.m. on August 27, 2012, in the library at 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0% (increase) or 0.002% (decrease)
Debt service	0% (increase) or % (decrease)
Total expenditures	0% (increase) or 0.002% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$95,071,471	\$104,709,969
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 4,150,270	\$ 46,880
Total taxable value *** of all property	\$35,701,991	\$ 39,585,992
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 4,150,270	\$ 46,880

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	None
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.17000	\$0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$3,713	\$7,560
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.17242	\$0.00000*	\$1.17242	\$4,024	\$8,655
Proposed Rate	\$1.17000	\$0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$4,003	\$8,065

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$29,787	\$29,525
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$11,458	\$11,553
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.1700	\$ 1.1700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$134.06	\$135.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$1.11

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.17000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.17000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 962,251
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 28, 2012, in the Administration Office at 603 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information

Maintenance Tax	\$1.12600/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.05089/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	1.3800% increase or % (decrease)
Debt service	3.2400% increase or % (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.3800% increase or % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 345,143,119	\$ 394,744,621
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,958,000	\$ 797,470
Total taxable value *** of all property	\$ 158,074,576	\$ 200,139,492
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,958,000	\$ 775,520

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$725,000.00
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$3,020	\$6,878
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.11911	\$ 0.04152*	\$1.16063	\$3,496	\$7,282
Proposed Rate	\$1.12600	\$ 0.05089*	\$1.17689	\$3,616	\$7,162

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 44,697	\$ 45,179
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 29,260	\$ 30,579
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17000	\$ 1.17689
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 342.34	\$ 359.88
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 17.54

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.17689. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.17689.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,700,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 14,189.51

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USDA LWG meeting to be held Aug. 17

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group (LWG) meeting to be held at USDA Service Center in Haskell. This meeting will be Aug. 17 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this public meeting is to receive input from farmers, ranchers, local agencies, organizations, businesses, and other individuals who have an interest in natural resource concerns and needs in Haskell County.

Input received will allow the LWG to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for eligible practices and ranking for county based funding. Recommendations provided by the LWG meeting will be reviewed by the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to help implement the Environmental Quality

Incentives Program (EQIP), and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. Funding for these programs may be made available to eligible producers through the application process.

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in Haskell at 940-864-8516

ext. 4. NRCS office locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, Large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Glen Overby at 325-823-3371 X 4 at least two weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.

Emergency haying, grazing available

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Glenn R. Brzozowski announced that 229 Texas counties, including Haskell County, are eligible for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) emergency haying and grazing because of the new provisions announced by Secretary Vilsack on July 23.

"Previously, only lands classified as 'D2—under severe drought' according to the U.S. Drought Monitor were eligible for CRP emergency haying and grazing," said

Brzozowski. "Now lands classified as 'D0—abnormally dry' will be eligible for CRP emergency haying and grazing," he said.

In addition to the 25 percent CRP payment reduction being reduced to 10 percent for all 2012 emergency haying and grazing authorizations, participants may now sell the harvested hay or lease grazing privileges for profit under the new emergency provisions. However, subleasing of the grazing privileges will not be permitted.

Texas CRP participants who were previously approved for managed haying or grazing may elect to switch to emergency use by contacting the Haskell County FSA office to request approval.

Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency haying and grazing approval

will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during the previous 12 months.

Eligible CRP land can be used for emergency haying until Aug. 31, 2012, or emergency grazing until Sept. 30, 2012.

"The added flexibility to CRP provides more relief to producers who are facing an on-going drought that makes providing forage for livestock even more difficult," said Brzozowski.

The eligible CRP acreage is limited to qualified acres located within the approved county. Eligible producers who are interested in haying or grazing CRP under this emergency authorization and current CRP participants who choose to provide land for haying or grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval from their local FSA office

and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include site specific haying or grazing requirements.

In counties that are authorized for CRP emergency haying and grazing, producers are reminded that the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unhayed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unhayed and ungrazed for wildlife. In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting.

For more information and to request approval for emergency haying and grazing of CRP acres contact the Haskell County FSA Office at 607 N. 1st East Ste. B in Haskell or call 940-864-2617 ext. 2.

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2012 INDIAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 17	Roscoe (Scrimmage)	Roscoe	6 p.m.
Aug. 23	Merkel (Scrimmage)	Haskell	6 p.m.
Aug. 31	Archer City	Archer City	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Seymour	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Baird	Baird	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Electra	Electra	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Olney	Olney	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	City View	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	*Forsan	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	*Stamford	Stamford	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	*Anson	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	*Winters	Winters	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	*OPEN		

Junior Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 17	Roscoe (Scrimmage)	Roscoe	6 p.m.
Aug. 23	Merkel (Scrimmage)	Haskell	6 p.m.
Aug. 30	Archer City	Haskell	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	Seymour	Seymour	6 p.m.
Sept. 13	Baird	Haskell	Follows 8th grade
Sept. 20	Electra	Haskell	Follows 8th grade
Sept. 27	Olney	Haskell	Follows 8th grade
Oct. 4	City View	City View	Follows 8th grade
Oct. 11	*Forsan	Forsan	Follows 8th grade
Oct. 18	*Stamford	Haskell	Follows 8th grade
Oct. 25	*Anson	Anson	Follows 8th grade
Nov. 1	*Winters	Haskell	Follows 8th grade
Nov. 8	*OPEN		

Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 13	Baird	Haskell	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Sept. 20	Electra	Haskell	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Sept. 27	Olney	Haskell	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Oct. 4	City View	City View	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Oct. 11	*Forsan	Forsan	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Oct. 18	*Stamford	Haskell	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Oct. 25	*Anson	Anson	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Nov. 1	*Winters	Haskell	4 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game
Nov. 8	*Eastland	Haskell	5 p.m., 8th follows 7th grade game

*District Game

Avoid staph with a game plan for good hygiene

Participation in school athletics should start with a program for personal hygiene to help avoid staph infections and the more severe methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (known as MRSA) bacteria.

Football players and wrestlers should be particularly wary. Studies by the Texas State Department of Health have found that the staph infection rate among football players was 16 times the national average.

Signs of infections include reddening of the skin, swelling or pus around sores, abrasions, or cuts. The sores may be mistaken for spider or bug bites as well.

"Have your athlete check in the mirror for any unusual red spots or lesions, particularly those that don't seem to be healing, and don't be afraid to alert the coaches to any issues so it doesn't

spread to others," says Dr. Robert Dimeff, director of primary care sports medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center and Children's Medical Center.

If the skin is injured, wash the wound immediately with soap and warm water, then dry off the wound and ensure

PC back to school

The Paint Creek faculty would like to invite all Paint Creek students and their parents to their annual hamburger supper and Meet the Teachers Night Tues., Aug. 28. The meal will be provided by the school and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Immediately following the supper, parents will be presented with information regarding Title I and parent involvement in the academic success of their children. All students and parents are encouraged to come out and show their support for the upcoming school year.

it is properly bandaged.

To help avoid and reduce the potential for infection:

- Keep hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or antibacterial hand sanitizer.

- Avoid sharing towels, deodorant, razors or other items that touch bare skin.

- Put a clean towel on the bench when weight training or using other shared equipment.

Spaghetti lunch

First Baptist Church of Haskell is hosting a chicken spaghetti lunch Sun., Aug. 26, to benefit Macey Coker and family. Lunch will be served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church's Family Activity Center at 301 N. Ave. E in Haskell. The meal will include chicken spaghetti, breadsticks, green beans, garden salad and choice of desserts. Take-outs will be available in a separate line. Donations will be accepted.



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BASKETBALL CAMP—The Rising Stars Maidens offensive basketball camp for girls ages sixth grade through eighth grade was held Mon., July 30 through Wed., Aug. 1 in Haskell. The camp placed special emphasis on fundamentals, focusing on ball handling, passing, dribbling, rebounding, pivots, shooting, lay-ups and defense. Campers also competed in a number of contests and scrimmaged every day. Those attending were, front row, l-r, Ryanna Rodriguez, MyKaylee Wilhite, Kameryn Mathis and Jordan Garvin; middle row, Makenzie Garvin, Kylie Adams, Kaelyn Bevel, Ariel Martinez, Ashlyn Bevel and Sarah Fouts; back row, Hollyn Hadaway, Natalie Contreras, Katie Newberry, Alye Stewart and Haley Thorson. Sixth and seventh grade contest champion was, free throws, lay-ups, hot shot and camper of the week, Makenzie Garvin. Eighth grade contest champion was, free throws, lay-ups, hot shot and camper of the week, MyKaylee Whilite. Coach Blake Eddleman lead the basketball camp, assisted by Coach Missy Burson.



BASKETBALL CAMP—The Rising Stars Maidens Defensive basketball camp for girls ages eighth grade through twelfth grade was held Mon., July 30 and Tues., July 31 in Haskell. The camp placed special emphasis on half court man to man defense and the full court man to man press. Ramsey Ghazal, Head Girls Basketball Coach of Wichita Falls Rider High School, was the instructor. Attending were, front row, l-r, Taylor Burson, Kylie Adams, Ashlyn Bevel, Ashley Adams, Dana Rodriguez and Jacie Klose; back row, Coach Ramsey Ghazal, Katie Newberry, Crissy Bassett, Kenzie Shelton, Carson Hadaway, Reagan Hadaway and Tillie McGuire.



BASKETBALL CAMP—The Rising Stars Maidens Offensive Post basketball camp for girls ages eighth grade through twelfth grade was held Thurs., Aug. 2 in Haskell. The camp placed special emphasis on offensive post positioning and post foot work. Tara Lisle, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at South Plains College, was camp instructor. Attending were, front row, l-r, Reagan Hadaway, Carson Hadaway and Crissy Bassett; Alye Stewart, Kenzie Shelton, Tillie McGuire and Coach Tara Lisle.



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BASKETBALL CAMP—The Rising Stars Maidens basketball camp for girls ages third grade through fifth grade was held Mon., July 30 through Wed., Aug. 1 in Haskell. The camp placed special emphasis on fundamentals, focusing on ball handling, passing, dribbling, rebounding, pivots, shooting, lay-ups and defense. Campers also competed in a number of contests and scrimmaged every day. Those attending were, front row, l-r, Melody Martinez, Emma Roewe, Piper Smith and Kailee Benton; back row, Delaney Hanson, Adaline Utley, Kourtney Gibson, Braelyn Bevel and Blessing Jordan. Third grade contest champions were, free throw and hot shot, Benton; lay-ups, Roewe. Fourth and fifth grade contest champions were, free throw and hot shot, Gibson; lay-ups, Utley. Coach Blake Eddleman lead the basketball camp, assisted by Coach Missy Burson.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Paint Creek ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 27, 2012, in the Board Room at 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited. The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.154500/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.000000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.30% increase or % (decrease)
Debt service	0.00% increase or % (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.30% increase or % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 123,992,699	\$ 134,231,849
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 528,180	\$ 256,670
Total taxable value *** of all property	\$ 35,080,110	\$ 40,693,330
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 506,580	\$ 256,670

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(B), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$0
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.170000	\$ 0.000000*	\$1.170000	\$2,837	\$7,294
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.114550	\$ 0.000000*	\$1.114550	\$2,945	\$7,787
Proposed Rate	\$1.154500	\$ 0.000000*	\$1.154500	\$3,045	\$7,814

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,011	\$ 35,236
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,026	\$ 20,784
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17000	\$ 1.154500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 234.30	\$ 239.95
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 5.65

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.154500. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.154500.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 501,371
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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Power of Attorney 101: The basics

A Power of Attorney (POA) is a legal document that authorizes another person or persons to handle your financial, legal, and in some cases your health matters. This can be a very helpful document if you are unavailable—for example if you are traveling abroad and have a loan closing to attend. A POA can be critically important if you become disabled and need someone to act on your behalf—for example manage your finances, pay taxes or authorize medical treatments.

A POA usually has two parties—a “Principal” and an “Attorney in Fact” or “Agent.” The person granting their authority is the “Principal.” The person or persons assuming that authority is the “Attorney in Fact” or “Agent” and does not have to be an actual licensed attorney. In order for the POA to be “legally binding” (can be accepted or acted upon) it must be signed by the Principal who must be mentally competent at the time they sign the POA.

Most people give their power of attorney to a spouse, other adult relative or close friend. The Principal will want to name an Agent that knows them well and will act according to their wishes and best interest when and if necessary. The Principal also may name a substitute agent when making a Power of Attorney in the event that the named “Agent” is unable to act.

There are generally two types of POAs—a General Power of Attorney, and a “Special” or Limited Power of Attorney. A General POA is just that—it gives the Agent very broad power and authority to do almost anything that the Principal can do for themselves. A person giving a POA needs to be very comfortable with anyone named as an Agent because the Principal will likely be bound by whatever actions are taken on their behalf. A Special or Limited Power of Attorney is different from a General POA because it limits the authority of the Agent only to carry out certain prescribed powers

that the Principal grants. A Limited POA can restrict the authority of the Agent to act only on certain matters—for example financial, medical, or real estate issues. Texas law includes a statutory form for the Power of Attorney, which must be notarized. If the POA is to be used to handle real estate matters, it must be recorded in the county where the land is located.

Another important concept when considering a Power of Attorney is if the Principal wants the POA to remain in force if the Principal becomes mentally incompetent because of an accident or illness. These are called “Durable.” A General POA or a Limited POA can be “Durable” and they remain effective or can be triggered into effect after a doctor certifies that the “Principal” is mentally incapacitated. A POA that becomes effective only upon the mental incapacity of the Principal is also called a “Springing” POA.

The Principal may terminate a POA at any

time that they are competent to manage their own legal affairs. To terminate a POA the Principal should notify any named Agent that they have terminated the POA. The Principal should also collect and destroy the original and any copies of the POA, and notify any bank or third party that may have been relying upon the POA to allow the Agent to conduct business on behalf of the Principal that the POA has been revoked.

A POA also terminates upon the death of the Principal. In other words, when the Principal dies so does the POA and any authority of the Agent is revoked. The Agent is no longer authorized to act on behalf of what would now be the estate of the Principle.

One important point to remember—a Power of Attorney is only as good as someone’s willingness to accept or honor it. Any third party presented with the Power of Attorney has the right to tell the Agent they will not accept or honor the POA.

Commissioners’ Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners’ Court met in the regular meeting place Thurs., Aug. 2 with all members present.

Judge David Davis gave the time table set out for voting yes or no on raising taxes and yes or no for a possible raise for county employees. The proposed budget for the year 2013 will be sent to The Haskell Free Press and The Haskell Star for the first publication Aug. 9. The first public hearing will be held Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m. The second public hearing will be held Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m. A second publication will appear in the local papers Aug. 23

announcing the voting for or against raising taxes. On Aug. 30, a vote will be held for or against raising taxes.

The burn ban is still in effect.

A motion to raise taxes 7.99% of the total effective rate passed.

A motion to give the county employees \$720 raise a year failed in a 2 for and 3 against vote. A motion to increase the salary for county employees \$600 per year passed in a 3 for and 2 against vote.

A line item transfer for \$500 out of book restoration and into office supplies and equipment for the County Clerk’s office was made.

Hunter education course set Aug. 20-21

The Haskell Ag Science Department, in cooperation with Texas Parks and Wildlife, will host a hunter education course Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 20-21 from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Haskell Ag Science Building.

All hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must have completed this course prior to hunting in Texas. Minimum age for students is 9 years old. All students under 12

must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration will begin at 4:45 p.m. Aug. 20. All students need to bring their social security number and driver’s license. Students under 17 must have a parent sign their form prior to certification. Fee is \$15 per individual.

For more information contact Justin Cox at 325-379-6571.

Farm Bureau wins ‘Highest Customer Satisfaction’ award

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies* announced they have achieved the “Highest Customer Satisfaction Among Auto Insurers in the Central Region” according to the recently released study from the J.D. Power and Associates 2012 U.S. Auto Insurance StudySM.

“We were extremely pleased and honored to receive the notification,” said Mike Gerik, executive vice president. “It is a demonstration of the commitment and level of service our companies strive to deliver to our member families on a daily basis, in

the good times and especially the not so good times, when they need us the most.”

“We take pride in supporting our member families, said Kenny Tanner, Agency Manager for Haskell County Farm Bureau. We live in these communities; we are Texans serving Texans.”

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance score of 857 out of a possible 1,000 points was the second-highest among all seven of the United States regions. The J.D. Power and Associates study measures customer satisfaction across five factors: interaction, price, policy offerings, billing/payment and claims.

ECC Menu

Mon., Aug. 20	Fri., Aug. 24
Crispy chicken, tossed salad, Italian green beans, garlic (wheat) toast, misc. dessert, tea or coffee	Sloppy Joe’s, country potato salad, carrots, zucchini, pumpkin buckle, tea or coffee
Wed., Aug. 22	Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
Salmon patty, pork n beans, new potatoes, cornbread, apple crisp, tea or coffee	

Gearing up for fall sports exasperates asthma threat

It’s common to see athletes coughing and wheezing on playing fields and in gyms as they go through intense conditioning drills prior to the start of their fall seasons. But for asthma sufferers, gasping for air is a serious concern.

A near-perfect trifecta—the scorching heat, poor air-quality conditions, and demanding exercises—together creates the threat of increased attacks for asthma sufferers. Before fall-sport schedules begin, they need to ensure their condition is well-controlled.

Dr. Rebecca Gruchalla, who leads the division of allergy and immunology at UT Southwestern Medical Center, recommends the following:

- See a pediatrician, internist, or asthma specialist (for individuals with moderate to severe cases) to ensure that asthma is properly

controlled.

- At the appointment, be prepared to answer questions about the frequency of symptoms, use of an albuterol (short-acting inhaled bronchodilator), and sleep interruptions caused by asthma.

It is imperative that school nurses, trainers, and coaches know about and pay close attention to athletes who suffer from asthma. Dr. Gruchalla recommends that athletes be allowed to ease into practice to see how well they tolerate exercising in the heat or in demanding conditions.

Coaches should be alert for the signs and symptoms of asthma, which include shortness of breath, fatigue, chest tightness, coughs, and wheezing. Everyone should exercise extra caution on extremely hot days and high-pollution days.

This Week’s Devotional Message:



Faith will teach you how to pray

A prayer is intended to be a beautiful communion with the Almighty, but we sometimes turn it instead into a request for some material gain; often of doubtful benefit. To do so is to dishonor God by assuming that He is not already aware of your needs. So go to your church this Sunday and pray for His guidance to help you become a better person. And, instead of attempting to give God information, just thank Him for what you already have and reaffirm your trust in His infinite wisdom in knowing what is really best for you.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church
Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Frank Slayton, minister
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

St. George Catholic Church
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

First Baptist Church
Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

Faith Chapel of Rochester
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church
Stephania Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
—RULE—

First Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
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Church of Christ
John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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Public Notices

CAUSE NO. 11,909 THE ESTATE OF DYRAL J. SISK and THE ESTATE OF SHARON SISK. DECEASED, Plaintiffs, vs. CAROLYN WILLIAMSON, Defendant CENTRAL TEXAS FEDERAL LAND BANK, FLCA, Defendant IN REM ONLY IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT OF HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS TO CAROLYN WILLIAMSON and to all whom it may concern: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Plaintiffs' Original Petition of CHRISTIE WOODS, in her capacity as the Dependent Administrator of the ESTATE OF DYRAL J. SISK, DECEASED, and in her capacity as the Successor Independent Administrator of the ESTATE OF SHARON SISK, DECEASED, Plaintiffs, was filed against CAROLYN WILLIAMSON, Defendant, on May 22, 2012, and Plaintiffs' First Amended Original Petition on June 18, 2012, in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, and is numbered Cause No. 11,909, and entitled "The Estate of Dyrall J. Sisk and The Estate of Sharon Sisk, deceased, Plaintiffs, vs. Carolyn Williamson, Defendant, and Central Texas Federal Land, Defendant IN REM ONLY." This lawsuit is a partition suit. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs' interest which will be binding upon you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Haskell, Texas, this the 12th day of JULY, 2012. PENNY YOUNG ANDERSON Clerk of the 39th Judicial District Court Haskell County, Texas 30-33p

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Haskell, Rule schools to register

Rule

Rule ISD will hold junior high and high school registration Mon., Aug. 20 in the school library. Parents or legal guardians of students in grades sixth through eighth, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend. Parents of high school age students are also encouraged to attend. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

Registration for elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the classrooms of each grade level. Parents or legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through fifth, as well as parents of all students new to the district for the upcoming school year, are required to attend.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items with them to registration:

- A copy of the child's

Social Security card.

- A copy of the child's birth certificate.
- Current immunization records.
- Any records from the child's previous school district.

•A copy of the parent or guardian's driver's license.

For more information about registration, call Rule ISD at 940-997-2246 or 940-997-2521.

Rule ISD will host "Meet the teacher and Meet the Bobcats night" for all students and their parents Thurs., Aug. 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event will give students and parents the opportunity to enjoy ice cream and meet the 2010-2011 Bobcats, returning teachers and new teachers at Rule ISD. After a short assembly in the auditorium about the upcoming school year and the Title I program, students will be able to visit their classrooms and drop off their supplies to leave before the first day of school. Teachers and staff members

will be on hand to meet and greet parents and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year.

There will be information about Booster Club and sign up forms for booster club activities. Order forms for new school t-shirts will also be available. Come enjoy this event in preparation of an exciting 2012-2013 school year!

Haskell

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Mon., Aug. 13, Tues., Aug. 14 and Wed., Aug. 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the elementary office. This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in the past, but did not finish the 2011-2012 school year at Haskell Elementary.

Parents should bring their drivers license and

their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and last report card.

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held on the following days and times:

Tues., Aug. 21: Third grade at 5:30 p.m.; fourth grade at 5:30 p.m. and fifth grade at 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 23 (Note new times): Head Start at 5:30 p.m.; PPCD at 5:30 p.m.; Prekindergarten from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Kindergarten at 5:30 p.m.; first grade at 6:30 p.m.; and second grade at 6:30 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork. Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 27. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grade will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Aug. 6-12:

Evan Garcia, no drivers license, no seat belt, driver failed to yield right of way, city warrants.

Shawn Curtis Biggs, motion to revoke theft, \$1,500 to \$20,000, state jail felony.

Billy Jack Reynolds, theft \$50 to \$500.

Pennie Dale Kaye,

assault against elderly individual.

Maria Guadalupe Olvera, driving while license invalid.

Cecily Jolette Muniz, motion to revoke, sentenced to 1 year, state jail.

Pedro Ramon Paiz, criminal trespass, Throckmorton Co.

Joshua James Gonzales, family violence, assault, Class A

Thirty-eight calls were made to 911.

Paint Creek ISD sets Back to School event

The Paint Creek faculty would like to invite all Paint Creek students and their parents to their annual hamburger supper and Meet the Teachers Night Tues., Aug. 28. The meal will be provided by the school and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Immediately following the supper, parents will be presented with information regarding Title I and parent involvement in the academic success of their children.

All students and parents are encouraged to come out and show their support for the upcoming school year.

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NOTICE
The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2012 at 135 N. Munday Ave. in Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2012. The proposed tax rate is **0.01980** per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District by 0.0000%.

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